

## State Route 86 (Valencia Road to Kinney Road) Widening Project

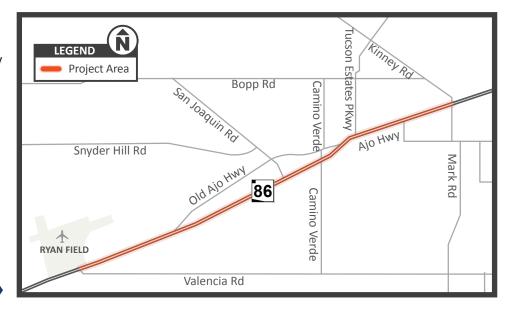
The Arizona Department of
Transportation, in conjunction with
Pima County and the Federal Highway
Administration, is in the design phase
of a project to widen State Route 86
(also known as Ajo Way) between
Valencia and Kinney roads. The
purpose of the project is to enhance
safety, to improve traffic flow and
to meet current and future traffic
needs along this segment of SR 86 in
Tucson.

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

This section of SR 86 is experiencing steady increases in commuter traffic as a result of continued residential development on Tucson's west side and existing employment destinations.

Additionally, SR 86 serves as a regional transportation route between Tucson and south-central Arizona, including the Tohono O'odham Nation. The highway also is widely used to reach the popular tourist destination of Puerto Peñasco, or Rocky Point, in Sonora, Mexico.

The SR 86 Valencia Road to Kinney Road project's design phase began in October 2011 and is expected to be finalized in late 2013. The new design will be consistent with the Final Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment, which was finalized in the summer of 2010. Construction of the project is expected to begin in fall 2014.



## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- Widening the roadway to two lanes in each direction from Valencia Road to Kinney Road
- ▶ Realigning Camino Verde, Tucson Estates Parkway and Old Ajo Highway
- Adding a median along SR 86 similar to the existing median on SR 86 east of Kinney Road
- Improving connections to local access streets
- ▶ Adding ADA ramps and pushbuttons at the SR 86 and Kinney Road intersection
- ▶ Installing new overhead message signs on SR 86 west and east of Valencia Road
- ▶ Enhancing drainage features, including two bridge additions
- Installing traffic signals at Valencia Road, San Joaquin Road, Camino Verde and Kinney Road
- ▶ Installing crosswalks, ADA ramps and pushbuttons at the east side of the SR 86 and Kinney Road intersection in the north-south direction
- Low-maintenance landscaping

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